

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, in a data processing system, for obtaining transportation services for traveling between a point of origin and a destination, the method comprising:
receiving a request for transportation services, including a departure date, from a client device to form requested transportation services;
receiving, from the client device, an identifier of an acceptable travel window, wherein the travel window identifies a maximum amount of time that a passenger is willing to spend traveling from the point of origin to the destination;
generating, by the data processing system, a guarantee of the requested transportation services
and
providing ~~a guarantee of transportation~~ the guarantee of the requested transportation services from a transportation provider based on the departure date and the identified acceptable travel window, wherein providing the guarantee of the requested transportation services does not reserve a seat on any particular vehicle.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
in response to a subsequent request from a client device, identifying one or more scheduled transportation services satisfying the travel window.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
identifying one or more scheduled transportation services satisfying the travel window; and
providing, at a time remote from the time that the guarantee of the requested transportation services is provided, one or more itineraries, that include one or more of the one or more scheduled transportation services, to the client device.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the one or more itineraries include an itinerary of scheduled transportation services automatically selected for a user of the client device.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the one or more itineraries include at least one of corresponding prices and corresponding discounts.
6. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:
receiving a selection of a preferred itinerary of the one or more itineraries from the client device.
7. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:
receiving a notification time from the client device indicating a time prior to a departure time at which notification of the one or more itineraries is to be made available to the client device.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein providing one or more itineraries to the client device includes sending an electronic notification to the client device at approximately the notification time.
9. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the one or more itineraries include itineraries that include one or more scheduled transportation services that meet the time window and itineraries that include one or more scheduled transportation services that are within a tolerance of the time window.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising:
in response to a selection of an itinerary from the one or more itineraries, wherein the selection is performed either automatically or by a user of the client device, booking a travel lane for the user of the client device corresponding to the selected itinerary, wherein the booking of the travel lane is performed at a remote time from when the guarantee of the requested transportation services is provided.
11. (Currently Amended) A computer program product ~~in a computer-readable medium~~ for obtaining transportation services for traveling between a point of origin and a destination, the computer program product comprising:
a computer-readable recordable type media having computer-executable instructions stored thereon, the computer executable instructions comprising:
~~first instructions~~ computer executable instructions for receiving a request for transportation services including a departure date, from a client device to form requested transportation services;
~~second instructions~~ computer executable instructions for receiving, from the client device, an identifier of an acceptable travel window, wherein the travel window identifies a maximum amount of time that a passenger is willing to spend traveling from the point of origin to the destination;

computer executable instructions for generating a guarantee of the requested transportation services and

~~third instructions~~ computer executable instructions for providing ~~[[a]]~~ the guarantee of the requested transportation services from a transportation provider based on the departure date and the identified acceptable travel window, wherein providing the guarantee of transportation services does not reserve a seat on any particular vehicle.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 11, further comprising:

~~fourth instructions~~ computer executable instructions for identifying one or more scheduled transportation services satisfying the travel window; and

~~fifth instructions~~ computer executable instructions for providing, at a time remote from the time that the guarantee of the requested transportation services is provided, one or more itineraries, that include one or more of the one or more scheduled transportation services, to the client device.

13. (Original) The computer program product of claim 12, wherein the one or more itineraries include an itinerary of scheduled transportation services automatically selected for a user of the client device.

14. (Original) The computer program product of claim 12, wherein the one or more itineraries include at least one of corresponding prices and corresponding discounts.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 12, further comprising:

~~sixth instructions~~ computer executable instructions for receiving a selection of a preferred itinerary of the one or more itineraries from the client device.

16. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 12, further comprising:

~~sixth instructions~~ computer executable instructions for receiving a notification time from the client device indicating a time prior to a departure time at which notification of the one or more itineraries is to be made available to the client device.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the ~~fifth instructions~~ computer executable instructions for providing one or more itineraries to the client device include ~~instructions~~ computer executable instructions for sending an electronic notification to the client device at approximately the notification time.

18. (Original) The computer program product of claim 12, wherein the one or more itineraries include itineraries that include one or more scheduled transportation services that meet the time window and itineraries that include one or more scheduled transportation services that are within a tolerance of the time window.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 12, further comprising:

~~sixth instructions~~ computer executable instructions for booking a travel lane for a user of the client device corresponding to a selected itinerary in response to a selection of an itinerary from the one or more itineraries, wherein the selection is performed either automatically or by a user of the client device, and wherein the booking of the travel lane is performed at a remote time from when the guarantee of the requested transportation services is provided.

20. (Currently Amended) A system for obtaining transportation services for traveling between a point of origin and a destination, the system comprising:

a bus;

a memory connected to the bus, wherein the memory having computer-executable instructions stored therein;

a processor connected to the bus, wherein the processor executes the computer-executable instructions to direct the system to:

~~means for receiving~~ receive a request for transportation services, including a departure date, from a client device to form requested transportation services;

~~means for receiving~~ receive, from the client device, an identifier of an acceptable travel window, wherein the travel window identifies a maximum amount of time that a passenger is willing to spend traveling from the point of origin to the destination;

generate, by the system, a guarantee of the requested transportation services and

~~means for providing a~~ provide the guarantee of the requested transportation services from a transportation provider based on the departure date and the identified acceptable travel window, wherein providing the guarantee of the requested transportation services does not reserve a seat on any particular vehicle.